

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND)
ACTS, 1883-1891;" AND "THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1897.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 31st day of October, 1897; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891," and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th September, 1897, . . .	188,727		Rents fixed—		
Applications received in month of October, 1897, . . .	1,099		By Chief Commission to 30th September, 1897, . . .	4,353	
		189,826	" in month of October, 1897, . . .	1	4,354
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 30th Sept., 1897, . . .	10,004				
Do. in month of Oct., 1897, . . .	27				
		10,041	By Sub-Commissions to 30th September, 1897, . . .	161,195	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th Sept., 1897, . . .	29,515		" in month of October, 1897, . . .	223	161,418
Applications received in month of October, 1897, . . .	49				
		29,664			
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rents (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to 30th Sept., 1897, . . .	1,064		Dismissed—		
" received in October, 1897, . . .	—		To 30th September, 1897, . . .	8,265	
		1,066	In month of October, 1897, . . .	77	8,365
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 30th September, 1897, . . .	1,427				
Do. in month of Oct., 1897, . . .	2		Struck out—		
		1,429	To 30th September, 1897, . . .	35,090	
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 30th September, 1897, . . .	280		In month of October, 1897, . . .	59	35,649
Do. in month of Oct., 1897, . . .	20				
		280	Withdrawn†—		
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th September, 1897, . . .	20		To 30th September, 1897, . . .	14,615	
Do. in month of Oct., 1897, . . .	—		In month of October, 1897, . . .	87	14,700
		20			
Total.	—	232,394	Total disposed of, . . .	—	234,498

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rents, Table (ix.), page 7.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 30th Sept., 1897,	20,528	23,048	Rents fixed— By Chief Commissioner to 30th September, 1897,	52	52
Applications received in month of October, 1897,	2,520		" in month of Oct., 1897,	—	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th September, 1897,	1,072	1,175	By Sub-Commissioners to 30th September, 1897,	5,962	6,312
Do. in month of October, 1897,	106		" in month of Oct., 1897,	550	
			Dismissed— To 30th September, 1897,	136	175
			In month of October, 1897,	39	
			Struck out— To 30th September, 1897,	1,352	1,500
			In month of October, 1897,	157	
			Withdrawn*— To 30th September, 1897,	169	285
			In month of October, 1897,	116	
Total,	—	24,223	Total disposed of,	—	6,553

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to 30th September, 1897,	119,841
Do., do. in month of October, 1897,	902
Total,	120,743

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to 30th September, 1897,	2,254
Do., do. in month of October, 1897,	367
Total,	2,621

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) : Applications received to 30th September, 1897,	1,575	1,587	Number disposed of to 30th Sept., 1897,	2,458
Applications received in month of October, 1897,	12		" in month of October, 1897,	6
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th September, 1897,	58	38		
Do. in month of October, 1897,	—			
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 35) received to 30th September, 1897,	1,061	1,052		
Applications in month of October, 1897,	1			
Total,	—	2,677	Total disposed of,	2,464

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, evidence of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSOR OR GRANTOR TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1860, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887").—SEC. 2.—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 30th Sept., 1897,	22	
		" in month of October, 1897,	—	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1897,	30	
		" in month of October, 1897,	—	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 30th Sept., 1897,	3	
		" in month of October, 1897,	—	3
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	—	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 3 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 85.

Number of Applications received to 30th Sept., 1897,	17	Applications granted to 30th September, 1897,	2	
" in month of October, 1897,	—	" in month of October, 1897,	—	2
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th September, 1897,	3	Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1897,	9	
" in month of October, 1897,	—	" in month of October, 1897,	—	9
	3	Applications withdrawn to 30th September, 1897,	3	
		" in month of October, 1897,	—	3
Total,	—	Total disposed of,	—	14

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883—1891.

Applications received to 30th Sept., 1897,	4,280	Rents Fixed to 30th Sept., 1897,	3,755	
" in October, 1897,	—	" in October, 1897,	20	3,775
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 30th Sept., 1897,	381	
		" in October, 1897,	—	381
Total,	4,280	Total disposed of,	—	4,156

VI.—APPEALS *re* FAIR RENTS, &c.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to 30th September, 1897, . . .	46,817	Number heard to 30th September, 1897, . . .	25,550	
" in month of October 1897, . . .	63	" in month of October, 1897, . . .	99	23,649
		Number dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1897, . . .	591	
		" in month of October, 1897, . . .	—	801
		Number withdrawn to 30th September, 1897, . . .	21,112	
		" in month of October, 1897, . . .	25	21,137
		Total Number disposed of, . . .	—	45,587
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . .	—	1,293
Total,	46,880	Total,	—	46,880

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to 30th September, 1897, . . .	4,471	Number heard to 30th September, 1897, . . .	776	
" in month of October, 1897, . . .	283	" in month of October, 1897, . . .	70	846
		Number dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1897, . . .	—	
		" in month of October, 1897, . . .	—	—
		Number withdrawn to 30th September, 1897, . . .	460	
		" in month of October, 1897, . . .	90	550
		Total Number disposed of, . . .	—	1,396
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . .	—	3,338
Total,	4,754	Total,	—	4,734

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885 AND 1886.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 30th September, 1897,	29,636	£ 11,452,038
" in month of October, 1897,	—	—
	29,636	11,452,038
Deduct Applications refused,	3,813	1,456,377
	25,823	9,995,661
Loans sanctioned to 30th September, 1897,	25,823	9,992,504
Loans sanctioned in month of October, 1897,	—	—
	25,823	9,992,504
Loans issued to 30th September, 1897,	25,561	9,991,635
Loans issued in month of October, 1897,	—	—
	25,561	9,991,635

VIII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1891 AND 1896.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans applied for to 30th September, 1897,	13,804	4,310,362		
" in October, 1897,	364	117,338	14,168	4,427,920
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates to 30th September, 1897,	2,926	755,480		
Less applications since withdrawn,	34	5,811		
	2,892	749,669		
Loans applied for in month of October, 1897,	—	—	2,892	749,669
Total number of Loans applied for to 31st October, 1897,	—	—	17,060	5,177,589
Less applications refused to 31st October, 1897,	675	301,375		
" " in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st October, 1897,	958	267,271	1,633	568,646
			15,417	4,607,943
Loans sanctioned to 30th September, 1897,	10,082	3,256,387		
" in October, 1897,	275	121,375	10,457	3,377,613
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates to 30th September, 1897,	1,306	447,261		
" in October, 1897,	2	1,478	1,708	448,739
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 31st October, 1897,	—	—	12,165	3,826,351
Less applications rescinded by Order of Court to 31st October, 1897,	108	47,847		
" in cases of Purchase of Estates, by Order of Court to 31st October, 1897,	131	52,585	239	100,532
			11,926	3,725,819
Loans issued to 30th September, 1897,	8,030	2,613,890		
" in October, 1897,	112	24,484	8,142	2,638,354
" in cases of Purchase of Estates to 30th September, 1897,	1,438	358,058		
" in October, 1897,	—	—	1,438	358,058
" in cases under the Redemption of Rent Act, to 30th September, 1897,	63	68,654		
" in October, 1897,	—	—	63	68,654
" pursuant to sec. 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, to 30th September, 1897,	1	1,250		
" in October, 1897,	—	—	1	1,250
			9,644	3,066,286

IX.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to 30th September, 1897,	1,229	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rents have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 30th September, 1897,	130	
" in October, 1897,	12	Number received in October, 1897,	1	151
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as applications to fix Fair Rents* to 30th September, 1897,	1,066	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of October, 1897,	—	1,066
				1,217
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired	—	24
Total,	1,241	Total,	—	1,241

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (a), page 2.

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1897.

Summary of Proceedings under the Land Law Acts as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of October, 1897.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th September, 1897,	30,884		Rents fixed to 30th Sept., 1897,	17,501	
Applications received in month of October, 1897,	62		" in month of October, 1897,	21	
		30,946	Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1897,	3,992	17,522
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 30th September, 1897,	4,385		" in month of October, 1897,	3	
Applications received in month of October, 1897,	—	4,585	Applications withdrawn* to 30th September, 1897,	477	3,925
			" in month of October, 1897,	—	
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an adjournment is pending, to 30th Sept., 1897,	2,455		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th Sept., 1897,	11,431	477
Applications received in month of October, 1897,	5	2,460	" in month of Oct., 1897,	39	11,470
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 30th September, 1897,	50		Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the 30th Sept., 1897,	20	
Applications received in month of October, 1897,	—	50	" in month of Oct., 1897,	—	20
Total,	—	37,741	Total disposed of,	—	25,414

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 30th September, 1897,	2,697		Rents fixed to 30th Sept., 1897,	586	
Applications received in month of October, 1897,	181		" in month of October, 1897,	25	
			Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1897,	25	411
			" in month of October, 1897,	2	
			Applications withdrawn* to 30th September, 1897,	21	27
			" in month of October, 1897,	—	
			Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 30th September, 1897,	1,072	21
			" in month of October, 1897,	106	
Total,	2,881		Total disposed of,	—	1,637

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IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING
UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887"—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 30th September, 1897, . . .	22	Applications granted to 30th September, 1897, . . .	3	
" in month of October, 1897, . . .	—	" in month of October, 1897, . . .	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1897, . . .	4	
		" in month of October, 1897, . . .	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to 30th September, 1897, . . .	1	
		" in month of October, 1897, . . .	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th September, 1897, . . .	3	
		" in month of October, 1897, . . .	—	3
Total, . . .	22	Total disposed of, . . .	—	11

Irish Land Commission, }
4th December, 1897. }

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